

Cornelia Reinig, 95 ✓

Feb. 26, 1911 - Dec. 3, 2006



PANAMA — Cornelia Catherine Reinig was born Feb. 26, 1911, to Peter and Josephine (Thielen) Schomer in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade.

April 9, 1929, Cornelia married Matthias (M. J.) Reinig at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She was a homemaker while they lived in Panama raising their two daughters, Sharon and Peggy. She also helped her husband with farming at Panama and near Dunlap. After five years, they moved to Schleswig, and purchased a milk business. They moved to California in 1942 while Matt worked for the Goodyear Tire Company but returned to the Panama area four years later where they resumed their farming. Cornelia was a member of a sewing circle. She also played for the residents in the nursing homes. She could play piano, organ, harmonica, and the accordion. Cornelia lived on the farm after her husband died in May of 1989, and continued to live there with her daughter, Peggy, until moving to Elm Crest Assisted Living in Harlan, in 2005. She became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, Nov. '24, 2006, and it was there that she died Dec. 3, 2006, at age 95 years, nine months, and seven days.

Besides her parents and her husband Matt, Cornelia was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mildred; a brother, Robert; a grandson, Richard; and a great-grandson, Alex. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Richard) Crouch of Woodbridge, VA, and Peggy (Bernard) Swenson of Harlan; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; her sister, Jean Schechinger of Portsmouth; and brothers, Ralph (Betty) Schomer of Arvada, CO, and Mickey (Jean) Schomer of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other family members.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 7, 2006, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Robert Hoeffler officiating. Casket bearers were Gregg Yeutter, Don Schomer, Denis Kloewer, Scott Kenkel, Allen Kenkel, Craig Schomer, Gary Schaben, and Todd Stenberg. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements